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Description

This application is related to the patent entitled "COFFEE BREWER" of which Alan M. King is the inventor, US-A-4,632,023 which issued in December 30, 1986.

5 This invention relates in general to coffee or other beverage brewers, and in particular to an improvement in beverage brewing machines wherein the filter element can be repetitively used and can be removed from the brewing chamber so that the coffee grounds can be removed therefrom and then the filter element can be returned to the brewing chamber.

10 The present invention is an improvement in beverage brewing machines such as disclosed in US-A-3,565,641 which issued on February 23, 1971 wherein the inventor is Alan M. King and which discloses the features in the pre-characterising portion of claim 1. This patent discloses a beverage brewing vending machine for brewing a single cup of coffee or other beverage which has a brewing chamber which receives hot water and beverage material. The chamber has a floor through which gas and liquid can pass but is provided with a filter which prevents the beverage material from passing therethrough. The apparatus
15 disclosed in US-A-3,565,641 has a lower chamber which is of substantially the same cross-sectional size as the first chamber located below the first chamber in which a piston is mounted. The piston can be moved upwardly toward the first chamber which forces air through the floor of the first chamber into the first chamber so as to agitate and brew the hot water and beverage material mixture to produce the beverage. The piston then moves away from the floor of the top chamber and draws the beverage through the floor
20 and filter and then dispenses it through a suitable spout. In the apparatus of US-A-3,565,641, the filter material is not reused but a supply of filter material is supplied to the brewing chamber for each individual cup of coffee and then is discarded.

The present invention provides a beverage brewing machine comprising in combination, an upper brewing chamber adapted to receive hot water and a beverage material and having an open lower end, a
25 lower chamber with an open upper end normally in registration and sealed with said open lower end, a filter mounted between said upper and lower chambers, said chambers normally clamping said filter therebetween, a reciprocable piston mounted in said lower chamber for forcing air through said filter into said upper chamber and for withdrawing brewed beverage through said filter, a means for separating and sealing said upper and lower chambers so as to unclamp said filter, a means for moving said filter from between
30 said upper and lower chambers, a means for removing the used beverage material from said filter while said upper and lower chambers are separated ; characterized in that said filter is reusable and in that the beverage brewing machine further comprises, a screen material mounted between said upper and lower chambers and below said filter, and a means for returning said filter between said upper and lower chambers.

35 The beverage brewing machine in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention allows the same filter material to be reused repetitively and provides for the upper chamber being raised from the lower brewing chamber during which time the filter material in the brewing chamber and the residue from the prior cup of beverage passes out of the brewing chamber and is scraped from the filter material after which the filter material is then returned to the brewing chamber and the upper brewing
40 chamber then rests against the lower brewing chamber so as to provide a seal.

Preferably, the present invention includes a lever operated grid hold down mechanism which, during the portion of the brewing operation when the piston is moving upwards to the top of the cylinder, engages and holds the filter down, and is removed from engagement with the filter material when the piston reaches top dead center and remains at its maximum distance from the said filter material during the balance of the
45 brewing cycle.

The preferred embodiment of the invention can provide a brewing machine wherein a large portion of the brewing cycle is used for drawing coffee through the filter and agitating the beverage and where there is very limited time of the cycle for raising the upper chamber and holding it up and removing the grounds and filter material out of the brewing chamber and returning the filter material to the brewing chamber and
50 lowering the upper chamber and the hold down grid.

The preferred embodiment can provide a positively driven filter material web which is returned to the brewing chamber.

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described by way of example only with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:-

- 55 FIG. 1 is a view illustrating the beverage brewing machine of the invention;
FIG. 2 is a top view of the beverage brewing machine;
FIG. 3 is a partially cut-away side view illustrating the beverage machine;
FIG. 4 is a partial sectional view of the beverage machine;

FIG. 5 is a partially cut-away side view of the machine;

FIG. 6 is a sectional view taken on line VI-VI in Fig. 5 and illustrates the mechanism for controlling the movement of the upper brewing chamber and the filter material;

FIG. 7 is a side view of the brew hold down drive for the beverage machine;

5 FIG. 8 is a partially cut-away sectional view taken on line VIII-VIII in FIG. 5 illustrating the pull down lever;

FIG. 9 illustrates the filter medium drive;

FIG. 10 is a sectional view showing a modified driving link; and

FIG. 11 is a fragmental view of the device of FIG. 10 in a different position.

FIG. 1 illustrates the structure of the present machine which comprises a frame member 130 with a
 10 coffee dispenser 121 mounted thereon with an opening 123a and which has a suitable check mechanism such as well known to those skilled in the art which upon demand deposits coffee into an upper brewing chamber 11 which cooperates with a lower brewing chamber 25. Hot water is dispensed from a reservoir 123 which has a suitable heater and a spout 124 for providing one cup of hot water into the funnel 17 of the top brewing chamber 11 where it is agitated by the action of a piston 26 mounted in the lower chamber 25
 15 to brew coffee. After the coffee has been brewed, it is drawn through a filter and passes out openings 33 to a spout 101 to a cup 102 for use.

FIGS. 2 through 9 disclose the mechanism of the invention. As shown in FIGS. 4 and 6, the top of the lower brewing chamber 25 supports the filter material 36. The filter material 36 may be a screening fabric type such as polyester monofilament number HD7-75 or HD7-63 which is available from TETKO Inc., 420
 20 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, New York 10523.

The lower chamber 25 is cylindrical-shaped and a piston 26 is mounted therein and is connected by wrist pin 28 to a piston rod 37 which is connected by a pin 29 to a crank arm 31 mounted on drive shaft 32 which is driven in a single direction to actuate the machine by a suitable driving motor 150. The upper brewing chamber 11 may be square, rectangular or round in shape but in the illustrated example, is
 25 generally square and has the funnel 17 which has an extension 18 that is mounted to the top of the upper chamber 11 and has a downward funnel portion 19 which terminates at an opening 21 for supplying the hot water and beverage material as, for example, coffee grounds to the brewing chambers. Above the top of the lower chamber 25, the flexible filter material 36 is mounted as shown, for example, in FIGS. 4 and 6. The filter material 36 is sealed in the brewing chamber by a lower gasket 35 mounted in the upper portion of the
 30 lower chamber 25 and a second gasket 40 mounted in the lower edge of the upper chamber 11. Molded into gasket 35 is a screen material to prevent grounds from accidentally entering the lower chamber 25. A filter material hold down grid 20 engages the filter material 36 during the brewing cycle and has three longitudinal members 42, 44 and 43 as illustrated in FIG. 2 and five transverse members 41, 46, 47, 48 and 49. The hold down grid 20 is connected to a pivotally supported hold down lever 52 by bearings 51 and 51a
 35 and brackets 53 attached to the grid hold down member 20 as shown in FIGS. 2 and 4.

In the present invention, the upper brewing chamber 11 is opened and unsealed from the lower brewing chamber 25 to allow the strip of filter material 36 to be withdrawn from the brewing chamber so as to remove the grounds 101 from the previous cup of coffee from the machine. This is generally illustrated in FIG. 9 wherein the strip 36 of filter material has one end which passes over a roller 102 to a reel 103
 40 mounted on the frame of the machine with a shaft 104. The shaft 104 carries a gear 106 which is in mesh with an idler gear 105 mounted on shaft 99 which meshes with a segment gear 107 which drives the reel 103. The segment gear 107 is mounted on shaft 108 which carries a sprocket 109 and cams 111 and 118. Cam 111 engages a cam follower 112 mounted on an arm 113 which is pivotally supported as illustrated in FIG. 3.

45 The end 116 of arm 113 is bent as shown and is received in an opening 114 in frame 58 which serves as a pivot point for moving the filter hold-down member 20. The arm 113 is pivotally connected to an arm 117 which has its upper end 120 connected to member 122, as shown in FIG. 5. Member 122 has a pin 251 which is received in a recess formed between uprights 252 and 253 formed on member 135 which is pivotally supported on shafts 59 and 59a of the frame 58.

50 Member 122 has an upper surface against which the end 262 of rocker arm 261 bears. Rocker arm 261 is pivotally supported on shaft 54 which has a flat portion as shown in FIG. 4. Lever arm 52 is carried on shaft 54 and has a free end with a pin 51 which engages brackets 700 and 701 that are attached to hold down member 20.

Thus, when push rod 117 is pulled down by cam 111 the hold down member 20 is held down.

55 Cam 118 engages a cam follower 119 mounted on a lever 142 which is pivotally mounted with a pin 144 as shown in FIG. 3. Lever 142 carries a rod 143 and when cam follower 119 rises on cam 118, filter material 36 is positively pulled by rod 143.

As shown in FIG. 9 the filter web 36 is connected to the reel 103 by pin 131 such that when gear 106 is driven by idler gear 105 which is in turn driven by segment gear 107 the reel 103 pulls the filter material 36 out of the brewing chamber such that the ground residue 101 from the previous brewed cup is scraped off of the filter material 36 by a scraper 132 which has an end 133 that removes the residue 101 and the residue falls into a container, not shown. The other end of the filter material 36 passes over roller 100 and the filter material 36 passes around the rod 143 and has its second end attached to a pin 136 as best shown in FIG. 9.

After the segment gear 107 has driven the filter material 36 so that the residue 101 has been scraped from the filter material, the segment gear which rotates in a counterclockwise direction relative to FIGS. 3 and 9 disengages the gear 105 which releases the reel 103 so that the rod 143 will pull the filter material through the brewing chamber so that the rod 143 takes the position shown in dotted line in FIG. 9.

The upper brewing chamber is mounted on bifabricated arms 137a and 137b and 138a and 138b which are attached to a pivoted member 135 as shown in FIG. 5. A pair of stub shafts 139 and 141 are connected to the upper brewing chamber 11 and are pivotally mounted in the end of arms 137 and 138 as shown in FIG. 9. The stub shafts 139 and 141 are formed with flat spots as illustrated in FIG. 5 and are received in slots 501 formed in the arms 137 and 138. The rear end of member 135 is pivotally connected to the frame by shafts 59 and 59a as illustrated in FIG. 2 which extend through frame members 58a and 58b connected to the frame 58 of the machine. A spring 201 is mounted on a stub shaft 59c and has ends 202 and 203 so as to bias the member 135 and the arms 137 and 138 upwardly. A shaft 164 passes through member 135a as illustrated in FIG. 4 and a washer assembly 172 is mounted on the extensions 135a and nut 170 locks the upper end of shaft 164 to the member 135.

A center portion 171 of member 135 carries the projection 135a as illustrated in FIGS. 3 and 4.

As shown in FIG. 7, the shaft 164 has a hollow enlarged portion 163 at its lower end and carries a cam follower 161 mounted on shaft 162 that is connected to the portion 163. Cam follower 161 engages a cam 154 mounted on shaft 32 which as illustrated in FIG. 5 is driven by the motor 150 through a coupling member 151 and pin 600. A sprocket 300 is also mounted on shaft 32 as illustrated in FIG. 7 and FIG. 5 and drives a chain belt 301 which drives a sprocket 109 mounted on shaft 108 illustrated in FIG. 3. As illustrated in FIG. 3, sprocket 109 is mounted on shaft 108 and carries cams 111 and 118 as well as segment gear 107 which engages gear 105 to drive the filter material 36 on to reel 103. Cam 111 engages cam follower 112 in pivoted arm 113 so as to drive the arm 117 to actuate the filter medium hold-down lever as described. Cam 118 engages cam follower 119 in pivoted lever 142 and rod 143 returns the filter material 36 from reel 103.

The shaft 32 also drives the crank arm 31 which is connected by a pivot pin 29 to piston rod 37 which is pivotally connected by pivot 28 to the piston 26 as illustrated in FIGS. 6 and 8, for example.

In operation, when the dispenser machine is energized, the motor 150 illustrated in FIG. 5 will drive the drive shaft 32 in one direction and coffee will be dispensed from the holder 121 and hot water from the reservoir 123 into the upper brewing chamber 11. At this time, the grid hold down 20 engages the filter material 36 through the action of roller 112 on cam 111 and the rest of the linkage to hold it down and the piston 26 moves upwardly in the cylinder 25 forcing air through the filter 36 to agitate the hot water and coffee grounds in the upper chamber 11 so as to brew coffee rapidly and efficiently. During this time, the upper brewing chamber 11 is firmly held against the lower brewing chamber, so the gaskets 40 and 35 seal the brewing chamber. When the piston has passed top dead center, the filter hold down 20 is released by the action of roller 112 on cam 111 which allows the arm 117 to rise. A spring 254 is mounted on pin 251 so as to bias the member 122 upwardly. As 117 is attached to arm 122, this permits arm 261 to rise as it is biased by spring 260. Thus hold down 20 is allowed to also rise on cam 111 acting through roller 112 and the linkage associated with same before all the grounds settle on it. Then the piston moves downwardly in the cylinder 25 which sucks the brewed coffee through the filter material 36 into the lower brewing chamber on to the top of the piston 26. As piston 26 continues downwardly in the cylinder 25, it passes the slots 33 which allow the brewed coffee to pass therethrough. The push rod 164 moves upward due to the action of the cam 154 on the cam follower roller 161 which causes the upper brewing chamber 11 to be raised due to the biasing spring 201. When the piston passes bottom dead center (pouring out the brewed coffee) and begins its upward motion, the grid 20 is lowered to hold down the filter. It is held in this position until the piston reaches top dead center. When said grid is raised, it remains there for the balance of the brew cycle. The purpose of this is to have the grid away from the filter when the patty is formed. With the grid hold down 20 in the up position and the upper brewing chamber 11 in the upper position the segment gear 107 engages the gear 105 which engages gear 106 to move the filter material 36 and used coffee grounds 101 out of the brewing chamber past the scraper 132 and the grounds are removed and fall into a suitable receptacle. Then the segment gear 107 passes beyond the gear 105 and the rod 143 returns

the filter material 36 to the brewing chamber and the upper brewing chamber 11 and the hold down grid 20 are returned to the down position ready for the next cycle with the piston 26 in the lower position.

FIGS. 10 and 11 illustrate a modification of the invention wherein the connecting rod is modified. The connecting rod 37a has a lower portion 299 which is formed with a slot 300 which is at about a 45 degree angle relative to horizontal so that the pin 29 can move in the slot. This causes the piston to remain at the bottom position shown in FIG. 11 and in the top position shown in FIG. 10 for a longer time than the other embodiment which does not have the slot 300. This allows the piston to momentarily stop at the top and the bottom of the stroke which results in an improved coffee brewer due to the fact that it allows more time for the water and coffee to enter the brew chamber before starting the suction cycle and also more time at the bottom of the stroke to pour out the coffee without changing the total cycle time.

In the invention, improved extraction results from the brewer when the coffee and water are subjected to the greatly increased air which passes through it during the agitation period. Due to agitation of grounds, oxygenation of the mixture or a combination of both, by adding so high a volume of air during the brewing process, increased extraction results. Any method of providing the extra air can be used such as a compressor or other device.

The following results were achieved:

Brewer	% Extraction	%Solids in Solution
Prior Art	13.3	.78 160 ml-hot water
Invention	15.0	.90
Improvement	12.78%	15.0% 8 g. coffee
Prior Art	13%	.81% 250 ml-hot water
Invention	16%	.96% 13.6 g. coffee
Improvement	23%	15%

Thus, the invention results in substantial increases in percent of extraction and percent of solids in solution.

Although the invention has been described with respect to preferred embodiments, it is not to be so limited as changes and modifications can be made which are within the full intended scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

Claims

1. A beverage brewing machine comprising in combination,
 - an upper brewing chamber (11) adapted to receive hot water and a beverage material and having an open lower end,
 - a lower chamber (25) with an open upper end normally in registration and sealed with said open lower end,
 - a filter (36) mounted between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers, said chambers (11,25) normally clamping said filter (36) therebetween,
 - a reciprocable piston (26) mounted in said lower chamber (25) for forcing air through said filter (36) into said upper chamber (11) and for withdrawing brewed beverage through said filter (36),
 - a means for separating and sealing said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers so as to unclamp said filter (36),
 - a means for moving said filter (36) from between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers,
 - a means for removing the used beverage material from said filter (36) while said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers are separated;
 - characterized in that said filter (36) is reusable and in that the beverage brewing machine further comprises,
 - a screen material mounted between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers and below said filter (36), and
 - a means for returning said filter (36) between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers.
2. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 1 wherein said filter (36) comprises a gas and liquid permeable strip having a portion which is normally clamped between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers and said means for removing said used beverage material from said filter (36) includes a

scraper (132) engagable with said portion.

3. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 2 wherein said filter moving means comprises a first reel (103) to which a first portion of said strip (36) is attached on one side of said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers and a rod (143) to which a second portion of said strip (36) is biased on the other side of said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers and a motor (150) for periodically driving said first reel (103) in a first direction to remove said beverage material from between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers, and said first reel (103) biased by said rod (143) to return said portion between said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers.
4. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 3 wherein a first gear (106) is connected to said first reel (103) and a segment gear (107) connected to said motor (150) and periodically engageable with said first gear (106) so as to periodically move said strip (36).
5. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 1 including a movable hold down grid (20) movable to a first position so that said filter (36) is held down in said upper brewing chamber (11) by said hold down grid (20) and movable to a second position so that said filter (36) is not held down by said hold down grid (20).
6. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 5 wherein said motor (150) is coupled to said hold down grid (20) to periodically move it from said first to said second position.
7. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 6 wherein said motor (150) is coupled to said hold down grid (20) through a first cam (111) driven by said motor (150), a push rod (117) engageable with said cam (111) and reciprocated thereby, a first pivoted lever (122) movable by said push rod (117), and a pivoted hold down grid lever (52) attached to said hold down grid (20) and connected to said first pivoted lever (122).
8. A beverage brewing machine according to claim 3 including a second pivoted lever (135) attached to said upper chamber (11) and spring biased to hold said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers apart, and said motor (150) coupled to said second pivoted lever (135) to move it to a position to hold said upper (11) and lower (25) chambers together in a sealed condition.
9. A beverage brewing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said motor (150) is coupled to said second pivoted lever (135) with a second push rod (164) and a second cam (154).
10. A beverage brewing apparatus according to claim 3 including a third pivoted lever (142) with said rod (143) attached thereto and to lock it in the downward position and said motor (150) coupled to said third pivoted lever (142) to periodically move it to bring said rod (143) down.
11. A beverage brewing apparatus according to claim 10 including a third cam (118) driven by said motor (150) and engageable with said third pivoted lever (142).

Patentansprüche

1. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine, weiche aufweist:
 - eine obere Aufbrühkammer (11) zur Aufnahme von heißem Wasser und eines Getränkematerials, die ein offenes unteres Ende aufweist,
 - eine untere Kammer (25) mit einem offenen oberen Ende, das normalerweise mit dem offenen unteren Ende ausgerichtet und durch dieses abgedichtet ist,
 - ein Filter (36), das zwischen der oberen Kammer (11) und der unteren Kammer (25) angebracht ist, wobei die Kammern (11,25) normalerweise das Filter (36) zwischen sich einklemmen,
 - einen hin- und hergehenden Kolben (26), der in der unteren Kammer (25) gelagert ist, um Luft durch das Filter (36) in die obere Kammer (11) zu drücken und aufgebrühtes Getränk durch das Filter (36) zurückzuziehen,
 - eine Einrichtung zum Trennen und Abdichten der oberen Kammer (11) und der unteren Kammer (25), um das Filter (36) freizugeben,
 - eine Einrichtung zum Bewegen des Filters (36) aus dem Raum zwischen der oberen Kammer (11)

- und der unteren Kammer (25),
 eine Einrichtung zum Entfernen von verbrauchtem Getränkematerial vom Filter (36), während die obere Kammer (11) und die untere Kammer (25) getrennt sind;
 dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß das Filter (36) wiederverwendbar ist und daß die Getränkeaufbrühmaschine ferner aufweist:
 ein Siebmaterial, das zwischen der oberen Kammer (11) und der unteren Kammer (25) und unter dem Filter (36) angebracht ist, und
 eine Einrichtung zum Zurückbringen des Filters (36) zwischen die obere Kammer (11) und die untere Kammer (25).
2. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 1, bei welcher das Filter (36) aus einem gas- und flüssigkeitsdurchlässigen Streifen besteht, der einen Abschnitt aufweist, welcher normalerweise zwischen der oberen Kammer (11) und der unteren Kammer (25) eingeklemmt ist, und die Einrichtung zum Entfernen von gebrauchtem Getränkematerial vom Filter (36) einen Schaber (132) aufweist, der mit dem erwähnten Abschnitt in Eingriff gebracht werden kann.
3. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 2, bei welcher die Filterbewegungseinrichtung aufweist: eine erste Rolle (103), an der ein erster Abschnitt des Streifens (36) auf einer Seite der oberen Kammer (11) und unteren Kammer (25) befestigt ist, und eine Stange (143), durch die ein zweiter Abschnitt des Streifens (36) auf der anderen Seite der oberen Kammer (11) und der unteren Kammer (25) vorgespannt ist, sowie einen Motor (150) zum periodischen Antreiben der ersten Rolle (103) in einer ersten Richtung, um das Getränkematerial aus dem Raum zwischen der oberen Kammer (11) und der unteren Kammer (25) zu entfernen und ein Zurückbringen des erwähnten Abschnitts zwischen die obere Kammer (11) und die untere Kammer (25) durch die von der Stange (143) belastete Rolle (103) zu bewirken.
4. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 3, bei welcher ein erstes Zahnrad (106) mit der ersten Rolle (103) verbunden ist und ein mit dem Motor (150) verbundenes Segmentzahnrad (107) periodisch mit dem ersten Zahnrad (106) in Eingriff gebracht werden kann, um den Streifen (36) periodisch anzutreiben.
5. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 1, mit einem beweglichen Niederhaltegitter (20), das in eine erste Stellung derart bewegbar ist, daß das Filter (36) in der oberen Aufbrühkammer (11) durch das Niederhaltegitter (20) nach unten gehalten wird, und das in eine zweite Stellung derart bewegbar ist, daß das Filter (36) durch das Niederhaltegitter (20) nicht nach unten gehalten wird.
6. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 5, bei welcher der Motor (150) mit dem Niederhaltegitter (20) derart gekoppelt ist, daß er dasselbe periodisch von der ersten in die zweite Stellung verschiebt.
7. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 6, bei welcher der Motor (150) mit dem Niederhaltegitter (20) durch einen vom Motor (150) angetriebenen ersten Nocken (111) gekoppelt ist, eine Schubstange (117) mit dem Nocken (111) in Eingriff gebracht und durch diesen hin- und herbewegt werden kann, ein erster Schwenkhebel (122) durch die Schubstange (117) bewegbar ist, und ein Niederhaltegitter-Schwenkhebel (52) am Niederhaltegitter (20) befestigt und mit dem ersten Schwenkhebel (122) verbunden ist.
8. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 3, mit einem zweiten Schwenkhebel (135), der an der oberen Kammer (11) befestigt und federbelastet ist, um die obere Kammer (11) und die untere Kammer (25) auseinanderzuhalten, und der Motor (150) mit dem zweiten Schwenkhebel (135) derart gekoppelt ist, daß er denselben in eine Stellung bringt, in der die obere Kammer (11) und die untere Kammer (25) in abgedichtetem Zustand zusammengehalten werden.
9. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 3, bei welcher der Motor (150) mit dem zweiten Schwenkhebel (135) über eine zweite Schubstange (164) und einen zweiten Nocken (154) gekoppelt ist.
10. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 3, mit einem dritten Schwenkhebel (142), an dem die Stange (143) befestigt ist, um denselben in der unteren Stellung zu verriegeln, wobei der Motor (150) mit dem dritten Schwenkhebel (142) zum periodischen Bewegen desselben gekoppelt ist, um die Stange (143)

nach unten zu bringen.

11. Getränkeaufbrühmaschine nach Anspruch 10, mit einem dritten Nocken (118), welcher vom Motor (150) angetrieben ist und mit dem dritten Schwenkhebel (142) in Eingriff gebracht werden kann.

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Revendications

1. Machine à boisson comprenant conjointement,
 - une chambre d'infusion supérieure (11) adaptée à recevoir de l'eau chaude et une matière de boisson et comportant une extrémité inférieure ouverte,
 - une chambre inférieure (25) avec une extrémité supérieure ouverte généralement coïncidant hermétiquement avec ladite extrémité inférieure ouverte,
 - un filtre (36) monté entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25), lesdites chambres (11, 25) serrant généralement ledit filtre (36) entre elles,
 - un piston à va-et-vient (26) monté dans ladite chambre inférieure (25) pour faire passer de force de l'air via ledit filtre (36) dans ladite chambre supérieure (11) et pour extraire la boisson infusée via ledit filtre (36),
 - un moyen pour séparer et étancher lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) afin de desserrer ledit filtre (36),
 - un moyen pour déplacer ledit filtre (36) depuis sa position entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25),
 - un moyen pour enlever la matière de boisson usagée dudit filtre (36) tandis que lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) sont séparées;
 - caractérisée en ce que ledit filtre (36) est réutilisable et en ce que la machine à boisson comprend en outre,
 - un matériau de tamis monté entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) et sous ledit filtre (36), et
 - un moyen pour ramener ledit filtre (36) entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25).
2. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle ledit filtre (36) comprend une bande perméable aux gaz et aux liquides comportant une portion qui est généralement serrée entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) et ledit moyen pour enlever ladite matière de boisson usagée dudit filtre (36) comprend une racle (132) pouvant être engagée avec ladite portion.
3. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 2, dans laquelle ledit moyen pour déplacer le filtre comprend une première bobine (103) à laquelle une première portion de ladite bande (36) est fixée sur un côté desdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) et une tige (143) vers laquelle une seconde portion de ladite bande (36) est sollicitée sur l'autre côté desdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) et un moteur (150) pour entraîner périodiquement ladite première bobine (103) dans une première direction pour enlever ladite matière de boisson usagée d'entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25), et ladite première bobine (103) sollicitée par ladite tige (143) pour ramener ladite portion entre lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25).
4. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 3, dans laquelle un premier engrenage (106) est relié à ladite première bobine (103) et un engrenage à segments (107) est relié audit moteur (150) et pouvant être engagé périodiquement avec ledit premier engrenage (106) afin de déplacer périodiquement ladite bande (36).
5. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 1, comprenant une grille de maintien mobile (20) pouvant être déplacée jusqu'à une première position de manière que ledit filtre (36) soit maintenu dans ladite chambre d'infusion supérieure (11) par ladite grille de maintien (20) et pouvant être déplacée jusqu'à une seconde position de manière que ledit filtre (36) ne soit pas maintenu par ladite grille de maintien (20).
6. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 5, dans laquelle ledit moteur (150) est couplé à ladite grille de maintien (20) pour la déplacer périodiquement de ladite première à ladite seconde position.

- 5 7. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 6, dans laquelle ledit moteur (150) est couplé à ladite grille de maintien (20) via une première came (111) entraînée par ledit moteur (150), une tige de poussée (117) pouvant être engagée avec ladite came (111) et animée d'un va-et-vient par celle-ci, un premier levier pivotant (122) pouvant être déplacé par ladite tige de poussée (117), et un levier pivotant de grille de maintien (52) fixé à ladite grille de maintien (20) et relié audit premier levier pivotant (122).
- 10 8. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 3, comprenant un second levier pivotant (135) fixé à ladite chambre supérieure (11) et sous l'action d'un ressort pour maintenir séparées lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25), et ledit moteur (150) couplé audit second levier pivotant (135) pour le déplacer jusqu'à une position de manière à maintenir lesdites chambres supérieure (11) et inférieure (25) réunies dans une condition d'étanchéité.
- 15 9. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 3, dans laquelle ledit moteur (150) est couplé audit second levier pivotant (135) avec une seconde tige de poussée (164) et une seconde came (154).
- 20 10. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 3, comprenant un troisième levier pivotant (142) avec ladite tige (143) fixée à celui-ci et pour le verrouiller dans la position basse et ledit moteur (150) couplé audit troisième levier pivotant (142) pour le déplacer périodiquement afin d'amener ladite tige (143) vers le bas.
- 25 11. Machine à boisson selon la revendication 10, comprenant une troisième came (118) entraînée par ledit moteur (150) et pouvant être engagée avec ledit troisième levier pivotant (142).

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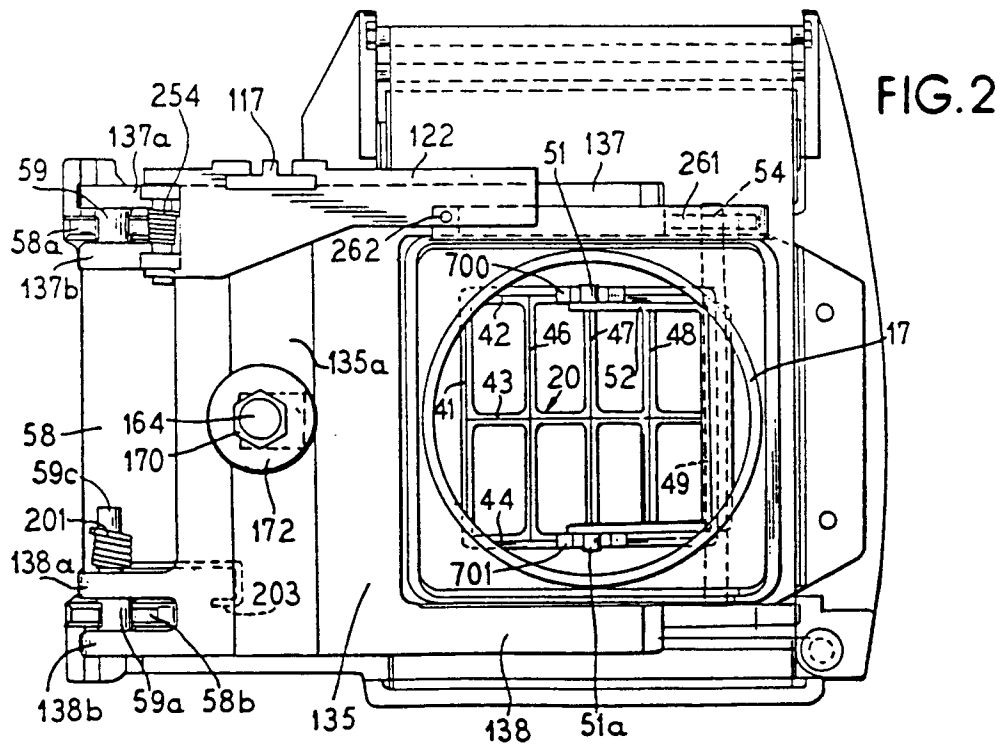
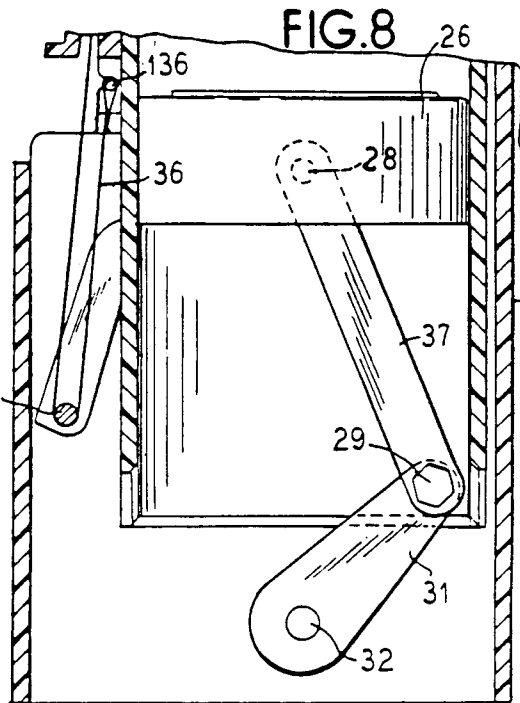
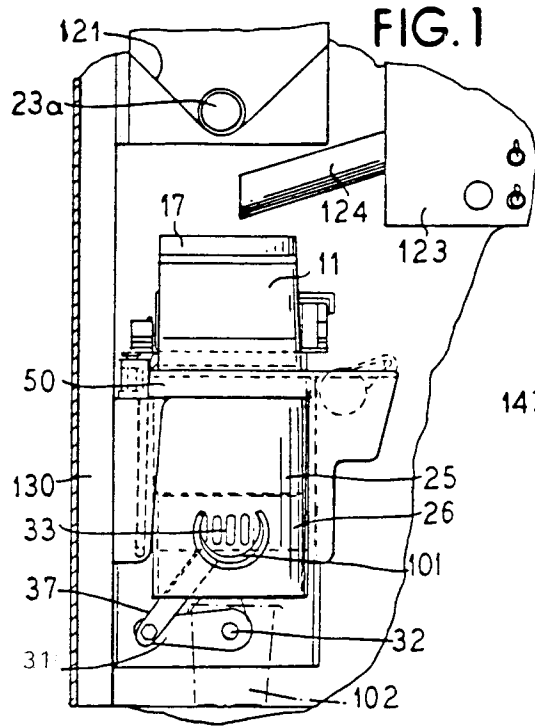


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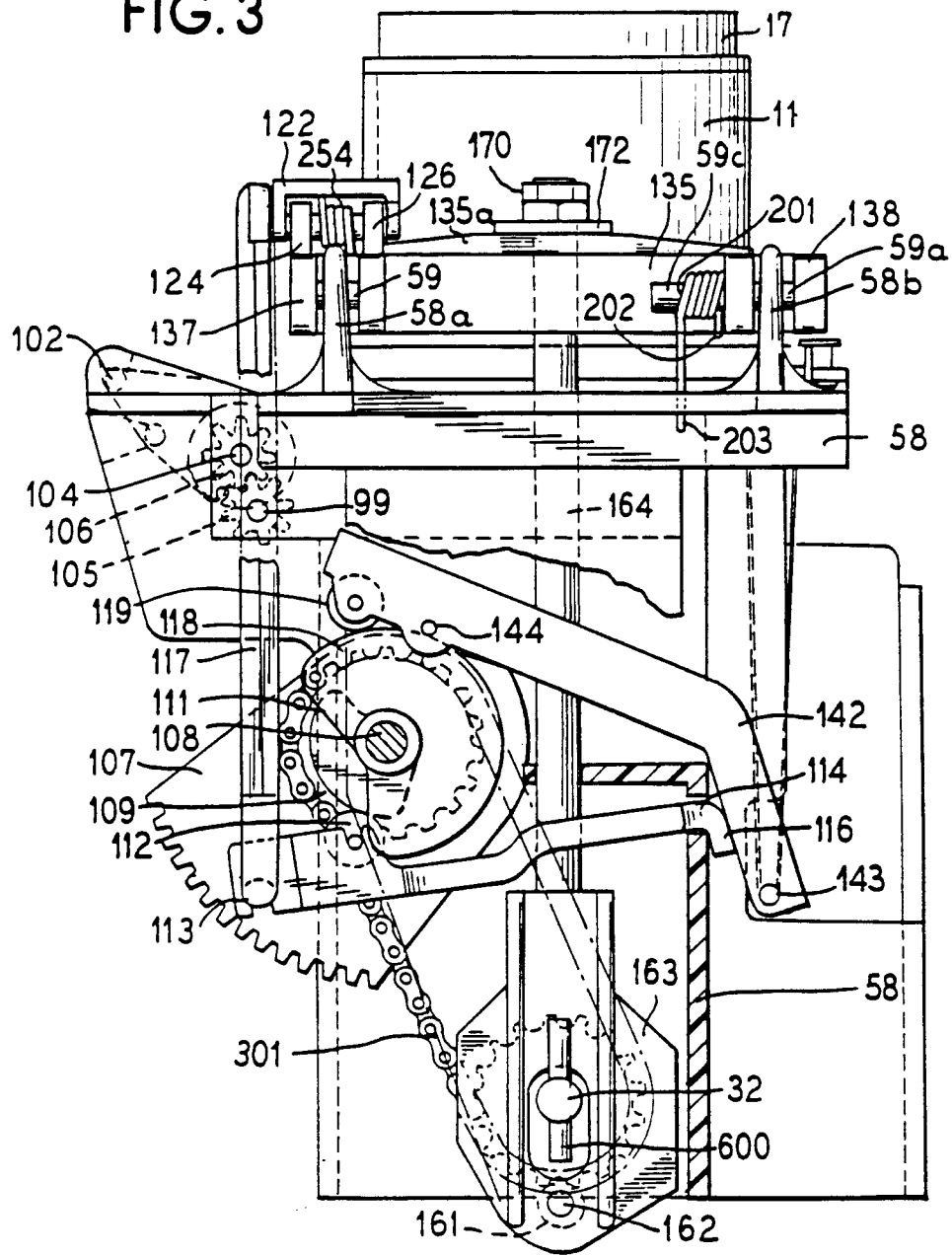


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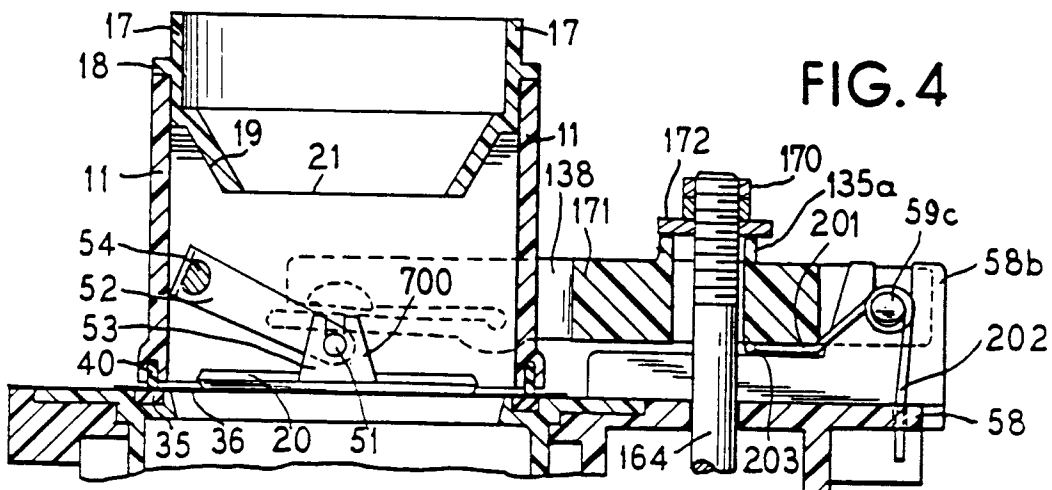


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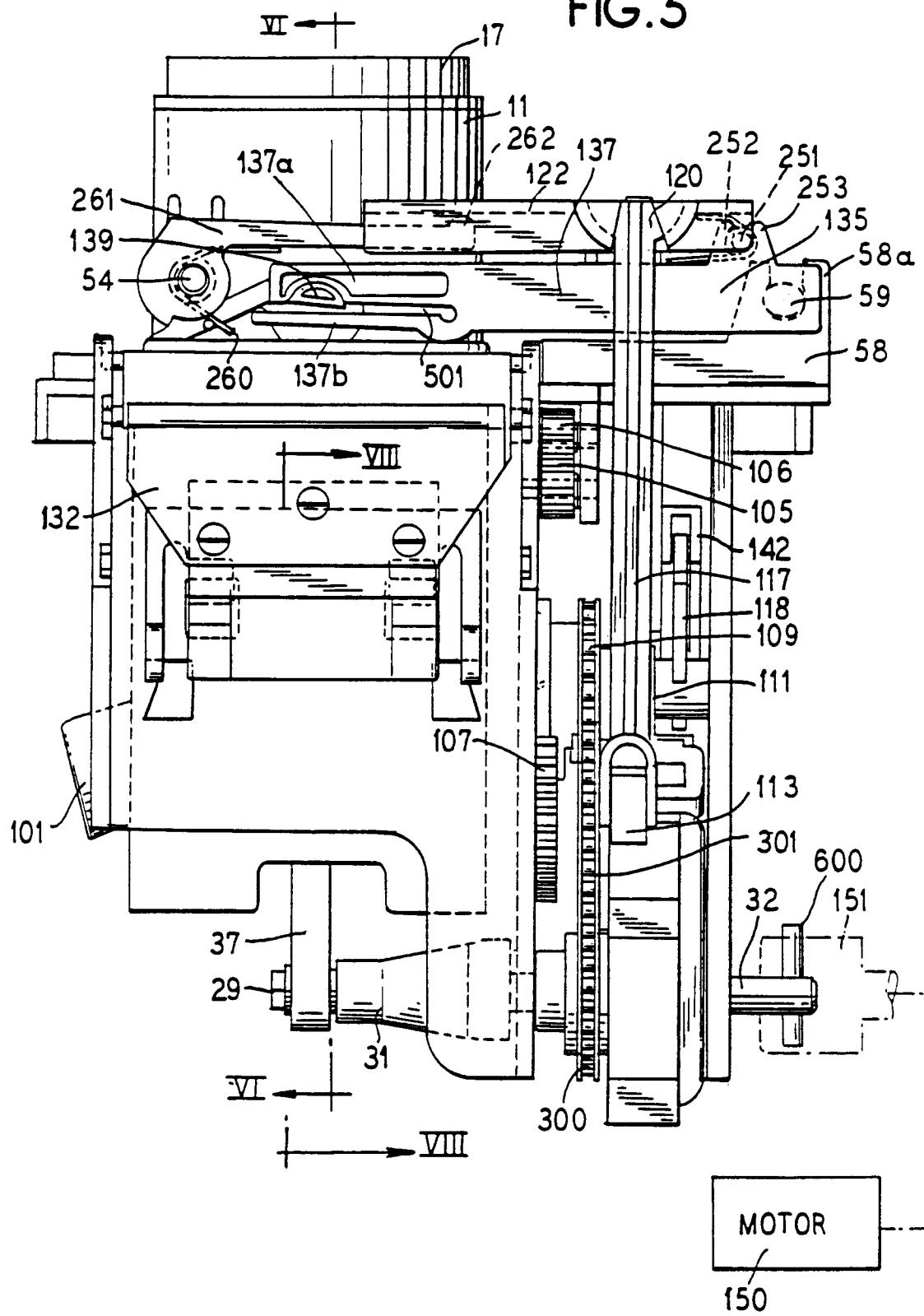


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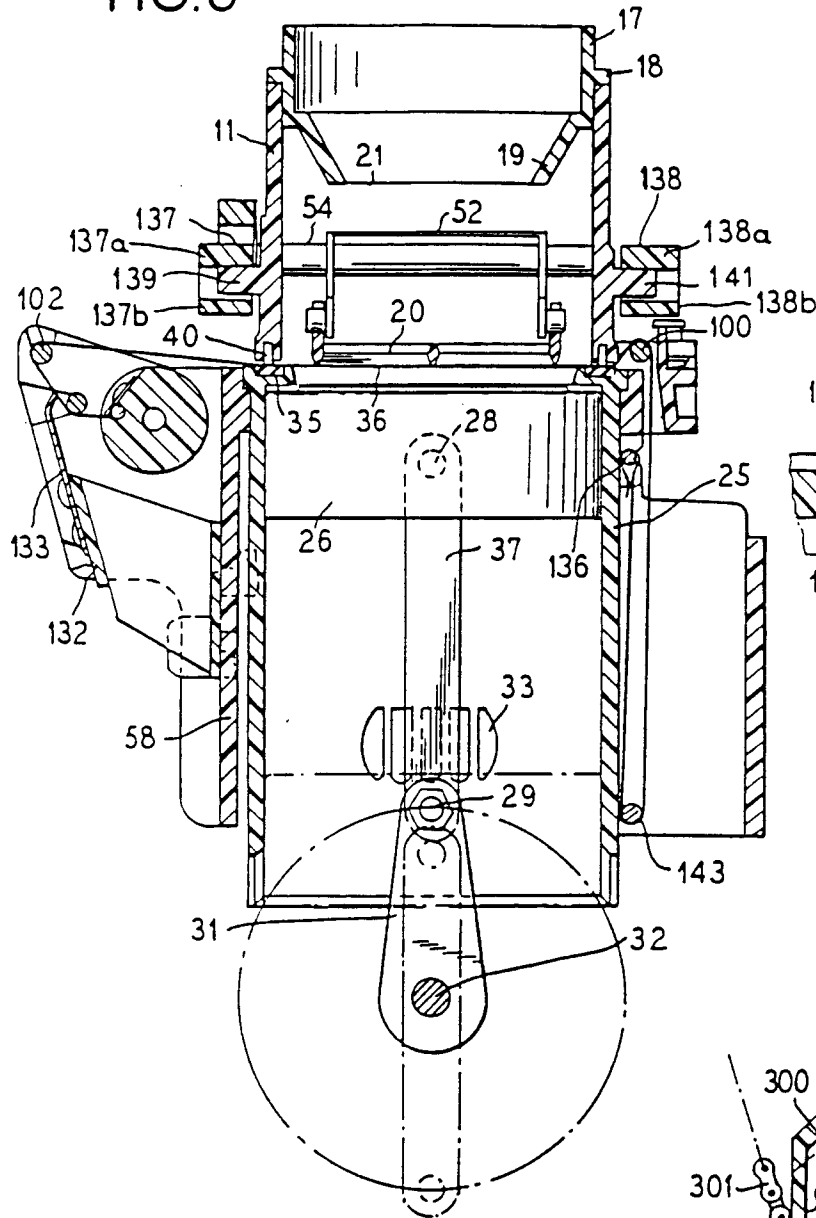


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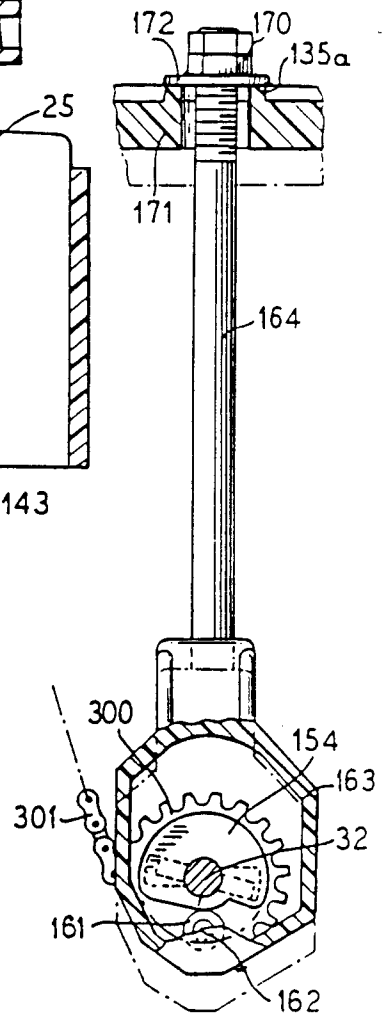
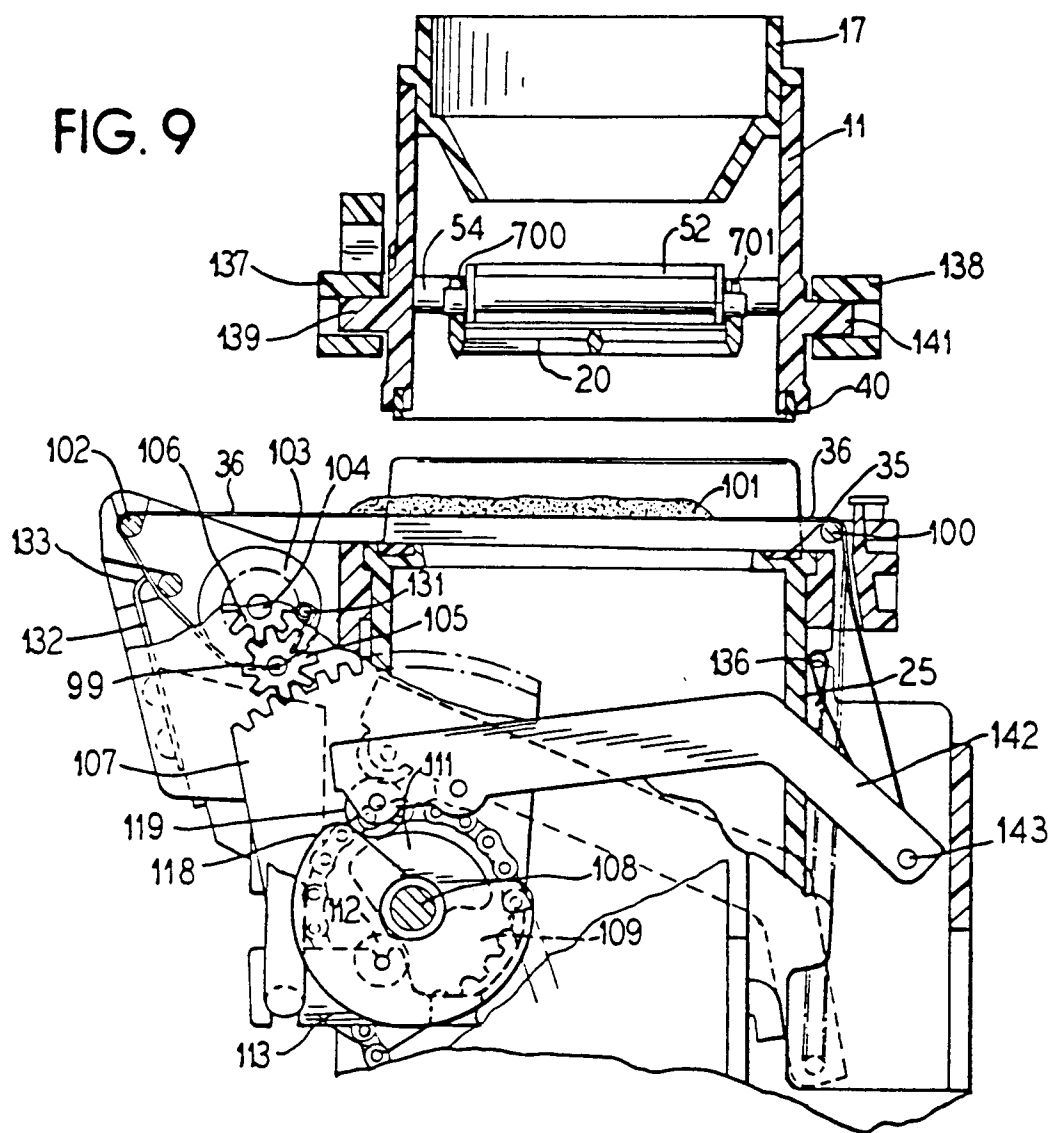


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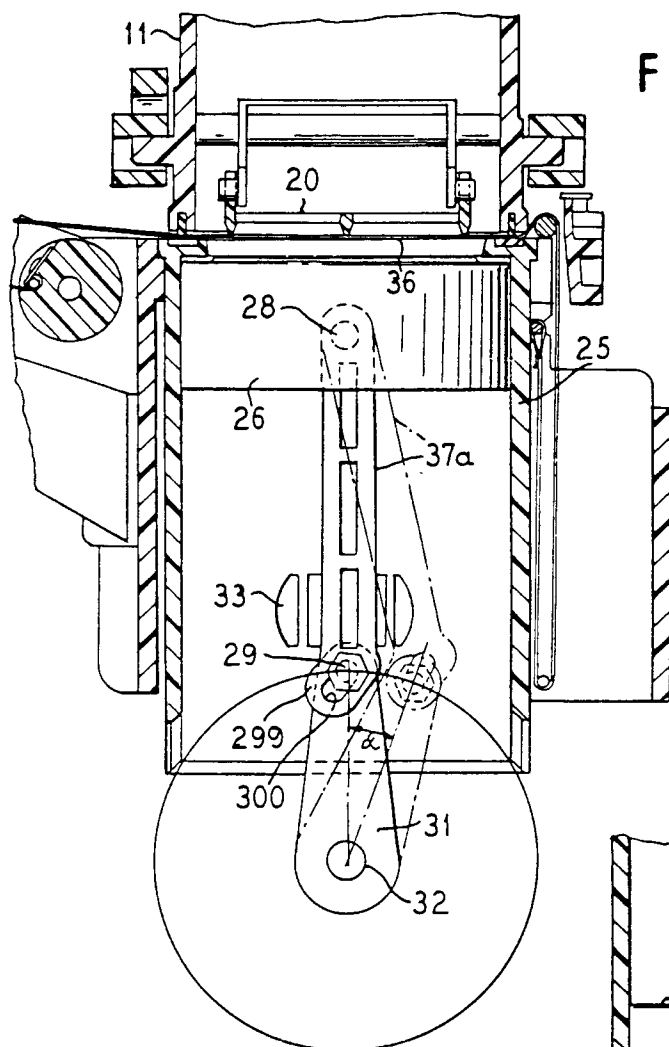


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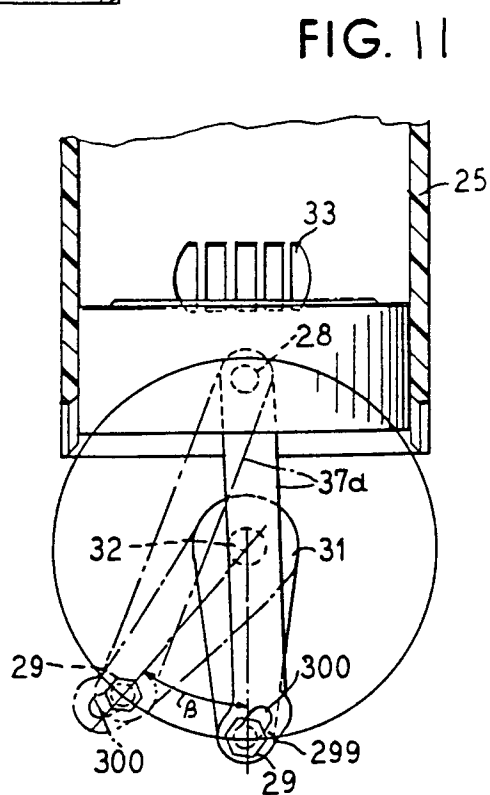


FIG. 11